

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A nonwoven material comprising:
individual polymer fibers arranged in a predefined pattern wherein
adjacently-located individual fibers overlap to form an organized
5 structure and wherein said predefined pattern has the majority of said
individual fibers lying in either a machine-direction orientation, a
cross-machine direction orientation, or both a machine-direction and
cross-machine direction orientation so as to form an organized
structure of polymer fibers.
- 10 2. The nonwoven material of claim 1 wherein said
predefined pattern is a scrim.
3. The nonwoven material of claim 1 wherein said polymer
fibers comprise elastomeric fibers.
4. The nonwoven material of claim 1 wherein said polymer
15 fibers comprise non-elastomeric fibers.
5. The nonwoven material of claim 1 wherein said
predefined pattern of individual fibers comprises fibers that overlap
themselves in a semi-cycloidal pattern.
6. The nonwoven material of claim 1 wherein said material
20 is an adhesive layer capable of joining two or more layers of material
together in a laminate construction.
7. The nonwoven material of claim 1 wherein a majority of
individual fibers or oriented in both the machine-direction and in the
cross-machine direction.
- 25 8. The nonwoven material of claim 1 wherein said polymer
fibers comprise polyolefins.
9. A laminate comprising:
at least two facings adhered together by an adhesive layer;
said adhesive layer comprising individual polymer fibers arranged in a

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predefined pattern wherein adjacently-located individual fibers overlap to form an organized structure and wherein said predefined pattern has the majority of said individual fibers lying in either a machine-direction orientation, a cross-machine direction orientation, or both a machine-direction and cross-machine direction orientation so as to form an organized structure of polymer fibers.

10. The laminate of claim 9 wherein said polymer fibers comprise elastomeric fibers.

11. The laminate of claim 9 wherein said polymer fibers comprise non-elastomeric fibers.

12. A nonwoven material comprising:
individual polymer fibers arranged in a predefined pattern wherein at least of said fibers are joined to create an overlapping bonded structure.

13. The nonwoven material of claim 12 wherein said fibers are joined thermally.

14. The nonwoven material of claim 12 wherein said fibers are continuous filaments.